

HOUSEHOLD ANALYSIS REVIEW GROUP: REMIT, MEMBERSHIP AND WORKING ARRANGEMENTS**Purpose**

1. This paper summarises the remit, working arrangements and membership of HARG. It is based on a paper written when HARG was first reconvened in 2001 - as there have been a number of changes in membership since then, this is an appropriate time to discuss whether it is still appropriate.
2. HARG members are asked to comment on the remit, working arrangements and membership of HARG.

Scope

3. The group will be concerned with the household estimates and projections produced by the General Register Office for Scotland (previously produced by the Scottish Executive Housing Statistics Branch), and small area household estimates that are being developed as part of the Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics project.

Purpose

4. The overall purpose of the group is to assist GROS to:
 - a) Maintain relevant good quality official household estimates and projections;
 - b) Develop small area household estimates;
 - c) Provide users with sound advice on the basis of household estimates and projections and their use.

Broad remit

5. To achieve its purpose, HARG will review and will advise GROS on:
 - a) The need for and uses made of the GROS household estimates and projections;
 - b) The data sources used to compile estimates and projections and possible alternatives;
 - c) The methodologies used to compile estimates and projections and possible alternatives.
 - d) Approaches used to consult/ inform all users on methodological and data issues.

Frequency of Meetings

6. The group meets between two and four times a year, depending on workload.

Reporting Arrangements

7. HARG reports to the Built Environment Statistics Advisory Committee (BESAC), and the Population and Migration Statistics (PAMS) working group.

Membership

8. The current membership of HARG is:

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| Esther Roughsedge (chair) | General Register Office for Scotland: Household Estimates Branch |
| Stephen Fraser | North Lanarkshire Council |
| Jan Freeke | Glasgow Council |
| Alistair Harvey | Edinburgh Council |
| Paul McNamara | Stirling Council |
| Margaret Skinner | North Ayrshire Council |
| Tom Snowling | Aberdeen Council |
| Blair Melville / Allan Lundmark | Homes for Scotland |
| Gordon McAdam | Communities Scotland |
| Duncan Gray | Scottish Executive Development Department: Analytical Services Division |
| Helen Wood | Scottish Executive Development Department: Planning Services Division |
| Paula Lopez | General Register Office for Scotland: Household Estimates Branch |
| Cecilia Macintyre | General Register Office for Scotland: Demography Branch |

GROS: Household estimates branch
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